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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It is with pleasure that I make my first contribution to the newsletter as President of New Zealand Indoor Bowls (Inc). It is the final step of a 40 year involvement in Indoor Bowls Administration which began with a brief term as Secretary of the City Indoor Bowls Club around 1970. Congratulations to Martin Nordqvist on his elevation to Deputy President, Delwyn Hughes, Stewart Chilton and Viv Hudson on their re-election and to David Edgar who was re-elected to the Executive after completing his term as President. David's experience and advice will be important as only he and Delwyn have had more than four years experience in National Administration. A big welcome to Barry Chapman (Waikato) who brings a wealth of experience to the National Executive. Since the end of last season most Districts' have had their AGMs and we welcome aboard the people who are new to their positions and welcome back those who are continuing to contribute. Every year we hear about District's who find it difficult to fill key positions on their Executive and how people continue to fill roles unwillingly because no-one new is prepared to make a contribution. Administrators are a vital component of the sport and bowlers who are not prepared to assist as administrators should acknowledge that without people to run the events they want to play in there would be no events. There would be no sponsorship towards prizes, no halls to play in, nothing. People to record the results, keep the times, organise the draws are just as important as the players and should be recognised, acknowledged and appreciated for the contribution they make to the sport. Districts will have been forwarded a copy of the SPARC investment schedule. This is our Strategic Plan for the year and achieving the goals set out in this is an important factor in maintaining funding from SPARC in future years. Please read it and put in place actions within your Districts to help achieve our aims to build the sport. Of particular importance is involvement in Schools where we are looking for Districts to run events for secondary schools and increase numbers attending the National Secondary Schools championships, and also development of and an increase in the numbers of umpires. The number of National Umpires as a percentage of affiliated bowlers is far too low at around 1.5% and Districts need to address this urgently by ensuring Umpires courses are being run to prepare candidates for the National examination. Remember that the National Executive is here to work for all Indoor Bowlers. If you have a problem then let an Executive Member know and we will do our best to sort it out. The Executive team with contact addresses are:

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Best wishes to everyone for the coming season and I look forward to meeting with as many of you as I can during the year.				
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NZ INDOOR BOWLS GOES TO CAMBODIA

Recently webmaster Jock Jamieson was contacted through our website by Murray Heath, an Indoor Bowler living in the capital of Cambodia, Phnom Penh, who wanted to start Indoor Bowls as part of a new sporting venue attached to an apartment complex in the city. Two sets of second hand bowls and two mats have been purchased and sent over. In January Jock and his wife were in Phnom Penh for a couple of days as part of their holiday and caught up with what's happening. The top floor of the apartment block is near completion with air conditioned squash courts, and rooms for bowls and table tennis. Murray says interest has been high and he expects ex-pats living there will be the main players.



NELSON'S END OF SEASON FUNCTION

What a night this turned out to be with Nelson's Treasurer Fred Persico and long time bowler Rafael Miccio offering to cater for a three course Italian Dinner with entertainment to be a surprise. Close to 90 attended and well known bowlers and administrators Linda and Jim Carrick performed six songs (country/easy listening) with keyboard backing. Many were surprised as they didn't know that this couple entertained. The scene for the night was set. After a delightful first course there were two renditions of classic operetta songs. The singer - Allie Cormack - with piano accompanist - Lucia Persico (yes, Fred's daughter) - held everyone spellbound. Not only was the entertainment superb but the food was to die for including the long awaited and requested dessert- Tiramisu. It was a great evening and will be a hard act to follow but it was certainly worth going the extra mile for and gave the bowlers something to talk about for future seasons.

AGE IS NO BARRIER

At the Golden Bay Motueka champion of champions fours held last year Mary Lowen (mother of Ron and the late Lew Ingles) won her 10th champion of champions to qualify for a bar to her gold star. This at the age of 92 is a remarkable performance but is not surprise as she is still winning tournaments very consistently and is also playing representative bowls. Not only is she a good player but Mary has just retired as Lower Moutere Indoor Bowls Club Secretary after 52 years Daughter in law Rae Inglis has taken over the job and has big boots to fill! Mary is still driving and looking forward the coming season.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS- BE IN QUICK

An increased number of entries are expected this year as the event returns to Taupo 12-19 June. All clubs should have received a poster and entry form from your District Secretary- if not contact them or this office. The closing date of 20 April, with your District Secretary will come up fast so get a group together and make your arrangements now. The host district, Waikato has been working hard on organising the event and it promises to be an excellent one.

Contacts for accommodation are:

Hotels-Motels: Taupo Visitor Centre- 07 376 0027 taupovc@laketaupo.nz
Houses: Jacque and Robin Porter 07 378 1616 robin.jacque@ihug.co.nz

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

INFORMATION FOR NEWSLETTER REQUIRED

This is your newsletter and we want to hear about all the good things that are happening out there. So often we don't get told about what is going on with juniors, schools, Special Olympics etc. Tell us what you want to read about so we can make it a worthwhile publication; Get your articles in to National Office now.

WANTED- NEW MEMBERS!

Attracting new members to the sport and retaining their interest are the two most important challenges facing indoor bowls. At the start of the season all clubs should be endeavouring to boost its membership so hunt out your Clubs Membership kit and put some of the good ideas into place. Good luck with your campaign

COACHING WORKSHIPS

These will be facilitated by Regional Coach Craig Whiteside in the Waikato Indoor Bowls Hall 20 February and at Kristin School, North Harbour the following day. All bowlers interested in Coaching are invited to attend at no cost. Excellent hand outs have been prepared and also available will be the new publication "Beginners Guide to Indoor Bowls". Similar workshops are planned for Palmerston North 14 March and Napier on the 15th. These will be very interesting sessions so contact National office if you want more details. Alternatively Craig on 027 205 7910 or Email cabyn@vodafone.co.nz



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